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TAGS AS, BTRA,(POWELL, BRIAN B), EINV  
SUBJ: REQUEST FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR DIRECTOR OF VICTORIAN  
CHAMBER OF MANUFACTURES

1. MR BRIAN B POWELL, DIRECTOR OF VICTORIAN CHAMBER  
OF MANUFACTURES (VCM) HAS ASKED CONGEN TO FACILITATE  
SHORT VISIT HE IS MAKING TO U.S. IN EARLY OCTOBER. AS  
POWELL IS EXCELLENT CONTACT AND HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL  
AND FRIENDLY TO CONGEN IN COMMERICAL AND OTHER MATTERS  
(SUCH AS RECENT NAVAL VISIT), POST WOULD APPRECIATE  
DEPT'S SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THIS MESSAGE.

2. MR POWELL AS DIRECTOR OF VCM SPEAKS FOR ORGANIZATION  
OF OVER 6000 MANUFACTURERS, BIGGEST EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION  
IN STATE OF VICTORIA. ITS MEMBERS EMPLOY 24 PERCENT  
OF VICTORIA'S WORK FORCE. ASSOCIATION ITSELF IS WELL-  
FINANCED, WELL-STAFFED ORGANIZATION. POWELL IS OFTEN  
INTERVIEWED BY AUSTRALIAN PRESS ON ECONOMIC AND  
INDUSTRIAL QUESTIONS.

3. MR POWELL WILL BE TRAVELING ON A PANAM INAUGURAL  
TRIP AND HIS ETA FOR SAN FRANCISCO IS 8:50PM,  
WEDNESDAY, OCT 6 ON PA 842. HE WILL BE STAYING  
AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL. HE WISHES TAKE  
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ADVANTAGE OF THIS TRIP TO U.S. TO EXCHANGE VIEWS

WITH U.S. OFFICIALS AND BUSINESS LEADERS ON AUSTRALIAN-  
U.S. BUSINESS RELATIONS. HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED  
IN HEARING U.S. ATTITUDES TOWARD INVESTING IN THE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND U.S. VIEWS OF  
AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE AS A MANUFACTURING COUNTRY. HE IS  
QUITE WILLING TO STAY A WEEK OR 10 DAYS AND TO TRAVEL  
AT HIS OWN EXPENSE TO WASHINGTON, DC OR NEW YORK  
OR TO OTHER POINTS FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERESTED  
PARTIES. HE IS WILLING TO MAKE SPEECHES TO BUSINESS  
GROUPS BUT IS MORE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN  
SITUATIONS WHERE A MUTAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS CAN OCCUR.

4. POST SUGGESTS DEPT CONTACT BUSINESS COUNCIL  
FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING (BCIU), NEW YORK CITY,  
WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN MR POWELL AND ABLE TO MAKE  
APPOINTMENTS FOR HIM ON APPROPRIATELY HIGH BUSINESS LEVEL.  
AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON ALSO MAY BE ASSISTING  
MR POWEL TO SOME EXTENT AS HE IS PERSONAL FRIEND OF  
PHILIP FLOOD, CHARGE D' AFFAIRES. DEPT SHOULD  
CONTACT FLOOD TO COORDINATE PLANS.

5. BRIEF BIODATA AS FOLLOWS:

A. FULL NAME: POWELL, BRIAN HARVEY BADEN  
B. PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH: ADELAIDE S.A. 5/12/32  
C. CITIZENSHIP: AUSTRALIAN  
D. HOME OR PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS: 3 ALBURNUM CRESCENT,  
LOWER TEMPLESTOWE 3106. VICTORIA  
E. ACADEMIC TRAINING: B. EC. AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL  
UNIVERSITY, CANBERRA  
F. PRESENT POSITION: DIRECTOR, VICTORIAN CHAMBER OF  
MANUFACTURERS  
G. SIGNIFICANT POSITIONS HELD IN PAST: MGR TRAFFIC  
& CUSTOMS FORD AUSTRALIA. STATE TARIFF OFFICER DEPARTMENT  
OF CUSTOMS & EXCISE ALSO DEPUTY FEDERAL OFFICER. EXECUTIVE  
ASSISTANT TO CONTROLLER GENERAL OF CUSTOMS  
H. MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: ASSOCIATE  
MEMBER OF SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS  
J. TRAVEL ABROAD: U.S.1973. EUROPEA 1976 AS DELEGATE  
TO OECD & ILO CONFERENCES  
K. KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH: NATIVE SPEAKER.

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